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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, CH  
SUBJECT: FEI I-MIN COMMENTS ON THE KOREAN SITUATION

1. DURING AN AUGUST 26 CALL ON DEI I-MIN, PUBLISHER OF THE  
PRC-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER TA KUNG PAO, HE ENUMERATED A SERIES  
OF TROUBLE SPOTS OF CONCERN TO THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP,  
INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST, ANGOLA, AND EUROPE. TURNING TO  
THE SITUATION IN KOREA, FEI REFERRED TO THE INCIDENT AT  
PANMUNJOM BUT QUICKLY ADDED "THERE WILL BE NO WAR." FEI  
SAID THAT THE BALANCE OF FORCES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WAS  
"VERY FRAGILE" AND THEN, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, REMARKED THAT  
"KIM IL-SUNG IS NOT SO CRAZY THAT HE WOULD UPSET THAT BALANCE."  
ALTHOUGH HE IMPLIED THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE KOREAN  
SITUATION MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE BY MILITARY MEANS, HE  
INSISTED THAT "THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME" AND "THERE IS  
NO NEED TO HURRY."

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2. COMMENT: FEI RAISED THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, AND HIS PRIMARY PURPOSE SEEMED TO BE TO REASSURE CONGENOFFS THAT CHINA DID NOT SEE THE PRESENT TENSIONS ALONG THE DMZ AS POSING A THREAT OF WAR. HIS VERY FIRM ASSERTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO WIDER CONFLICTS AND HIS DEROGATORY REMARKS CONCERNING KIM SUGGEST THAT THE CHINESE WERE NOT PLEASED BY THE INCIDENT. CONGENOFFS LISTENED BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON FEI'S ASSERTIONS.  
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